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Application of: HE et al.

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Title: **Interleukin-1  $\beta$  Converting Enzyme  
Like Apoptosis Protease-3 and 4**

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**AMENDMENT AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the provisional election, with traverse, and additional remarks below. Applicants submit concurrently herewith (a) a Fee Transmittal, with appropriate fee(s); and (b) an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO/SB/08, and copies of references AA-BW. Please amend the application as follows.

***In the claims:***

Please cancel claims 1-9, 12, 13-17, and 19.

Please add the following new claims:

21. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide encoding amino acid residues 1 to 303 of SEQ ID

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(b) a polynucleotide encoding amino acid residues 2 to 303 of SEQ ID

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